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For : EXHAUST GAS TREATING APPARTUS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir :

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 8, 2008, and a Notice of Appeal filed on August 8, 2008, Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified application together with a requisite fee therefore.

Inasmuch the Notice of Appeal provides a two-month period within which to submit a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants note that this response is timely and believe a Request for Extension of Time is not necessary. However, if any extension deemed necessary and/or any additional fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.